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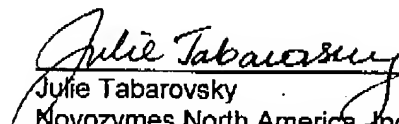
I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Preliminary Amendment

was sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by telefax to the attention of Examiner Ashie, fax number (703)872-9306.

Respectfully submitted,

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